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Athletic Trainer Integration in U.S. Air Force Basic Training

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PURPOSE

To assess the impact of embedded athletic trainers within basic military training on operational efficiency within the U.S. Air Force.

RATIONALE AND SIGNIFICANCE

As a leading cause of morbidity among U.S. military members and trainees, musculoskeletal injuries have a major impact on both current and future operational readiness.¹

U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training (BMT)

- The injury incidence density rate is 18.3 per 1,000 person-weeks (29.4 for females and 15.1 for males)²
- The injury period prevalence for the 7.5-week training course is 12.5%²
- The stress fracture period prevalence is 1.0% (1.9% for females and 0.8% for males)³
- Nearly half (47%) of all medical attrition from training is attributed to a musculoskeletal injury²
- Injured trainees are 3.0 times (95% CI: 2.8, 3.2) as likely to be discharged as their non-injured peers²
- Injured trainees who graduate are 2.9 times (95% CI: 2.7, 3.0) as likely to graduate late as compared to their non-injured peers²
- Injuries incur \$21.8 million in direct and indirect costs annually, not including long-term disability costs²



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HYPOTHESES

Athletic trainers have been used by all U.S. military branches, although published data on their effectiveness are limited.⁴ We hypothesized that embedded certified athletic trainers with sports medicine physician oversight would improve outcomes in Air Force BMT in attrition, get fit referrals, and reduced stress fracture rates.

METHODS

Investigators from the 559 Medical Group and the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of the Incarnate Word partnered to design a community intervention trial to test these hypotheses.

We secured funding through the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program's Fiscal Year 2014 Clinical Research Initiative Intramural Research Award on Military Training Injuries (award DM140461) for a 30 month intervention. After establishing a clinic in the 323rd training squadron with permission of the 737th training wing we hired two full-time athletic trainers to provide musculoskeletal care to the trainees of the 323rd squadron self-reporting with pain. Rates of trainee attrition, on-time graduation, get-fit referrals, and stress fracture rates were tracked



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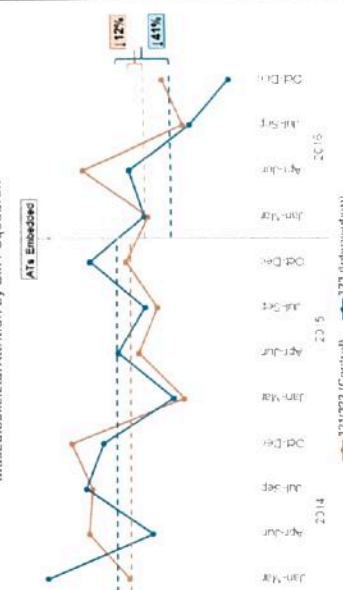
RESULTS

Preliminary Results for year 1

- Trainees
- Intervention – 323rd squadron – 7,619 trainees
- Control – 321/22nd squadrons – 11,695 trainees

	Intervention (323 TRS)	Control (321/322 TRS)	Intervention vs Ctrl RR (95% CI)
Overall Attrition	5.4%	6.8%	0.75 (0.71, 0.89)
Musculoskeletal Attrition	1.0%	1.3%	0.75 (0.57, 0.98)
Get Fit Referrals	1.5%	1.4%	1.08 (0.85, 1.37)
Stress Fracture Rate	2.42	2.87	0.84 (0.66, 1.08)

Musculoskeletal Attrition by BMT Squadron



CONCLUSIONS

Athletic training integration has effectively improved measures of operational efficiency in basic military training. Further significant impact is anticipated through the next two years of grant activity.

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